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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Bernardino – 67 Arrested in Crackdown on Gangs

(U) San Bernardino County law enforcement agencies yesterday announced the arrests of dozens of people in a sprawling, half-year investigation into two gangs centered in Fontana. The criminal inquiry centered on the South Fontana gang as well as the Mexican Mafia prison gang, known as La Eme. Of those, 35 people were arrested yesterday as police also seized five firearms, ammunition, and illicit drugs. Authorities previously had arrested 32 people, some of whom were booked on suspicion of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon and drug trafficking. Nearly 20 illegal weapons were also seized. Police say the two gangs have been linked to a variety of crimes in the Inland Empire. The South Fontana gang is known to be affiliated with the Sureños, a gang in Southern California that has showed allegiance to the Mexican Mafia.

SOURCE: 12 January 2017, [LA Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Passerby Shoots Suspect Who Had 'Ambushed' Arizona State Trooper

(U) Tonopah - The Arizona Department of Public Safety said one of its troopers was “ambushed and shot” while responding to a call yesterday morning. State troopers responded to reports of shots fired along the westbound roadway of I-10 around 4 a.m. local time. One of the troopers, a 27-year veteran, came upon a car accident and saw an injured woman who had been ejected from a vehicle that rolled over. The trooper had started blocking off lanes when he was unexpectedly attacked, officials said. A spokesman told reporters the gunman shot the trooper in the chest and fought the law enforcement official to the ground. A person driving by saw the altercation and stopped to help the trooper. The person then retrieved a gun from his car and fatally shot the suspect.

SOURCE: 12 January 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – US Embassy Warns Citizens on Serious Threats

(U) Kabul - The US Embassy in Kabul has issued a security alert to citizens in capital Kabul following a series of deadly attacks in the main cities of the country, including the capital Kabul that left scores of people dead or wounded. The U.S. Embassy reminds citizens that serious threats to safety and security exist in the city of Kabul and throughout Afghanistan. Militant groups often plan attacks against locations and individuals with Afghan and possible American connections, including: Afghan and U.S. government facilities, foreign embassies, military installations, commercial entities, non-governmental organization offices, restaurants, hotels, guest houses, airports, and educational centers.

SOURCE: 13 January 2017, [Khaama Press](#)

(U) Caribbean – Border Agents Seize \$30 Million In Cocaine

(U) Dominican Republic – Agents from the US Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations (AMO) unit detected a vessel laden with 2,000 pounds of cocaine in the Caribbean early this year, before

moving in to seize the ship, four suspects aboard it, and its cargo, which had an estimated value of \$30 million. On 2 January, AMO agents on a DHC-8 Maritime Patrol Aircraft spotted a go-fast boat near the Dominican Republic. The airborne agents worked with the crew of the USS Zephyr, to move in on the vessel. The vessel was intercepted, four people taken into custody and multiple bales seized and tested positive for cocaine. The contraband, and the four suspects detained, were transferred to Puerto Rico, where they were taken into custody by Drug Enforcement Administration special agents.

SOURCE: 13 January 2017, [Business Insider](#)

(U) Spain – Two Arrested, Accused of Connections to Militant Groups

(U) Ceuta – Spanish police have arrested two people in Spain's North African enclave of Ceuta accused of connections with Islamist militants. The two detained had been through a long radicalization process and formed part of a group which was thought to be at an advanced stage of preparation for potential attacks. Police, searching six locations in relation to the arrests, found one gun and three non-firing weapons, the ministry said. Police had unearthed at least one automatic weapon wrapped in a plastic sheet on wasteland near the locations being investigated. Spanish police have arrested 180 people accused of connections to Islamist militant groups since raising the country-wide security alert to one below the highest level in 2015.

SOURCE: 13 January 2017, [Reuters](#)

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